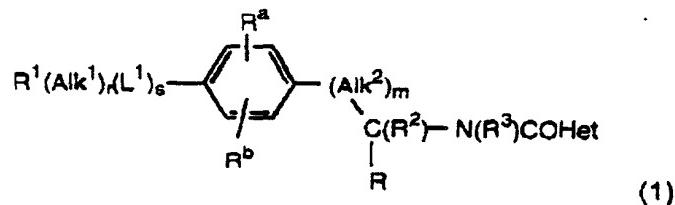


ABSTRACT

Phenylalanine derivatives of formula (1) are described:



wherein

R is a carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof;

L^1 is a linker atom or group;

- 10 Het is an optionally substituted heteroaromatic group;
and the salts, solvates, hydrates and N-oxides thereof.

15 The compounds are able to inhibit the binding of alpha4 integrins to their
ligands and are of use in the prophylaxis and treatment of immune or
inflammatory disorders.